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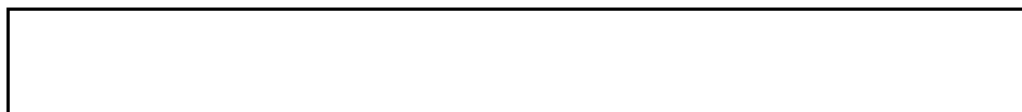
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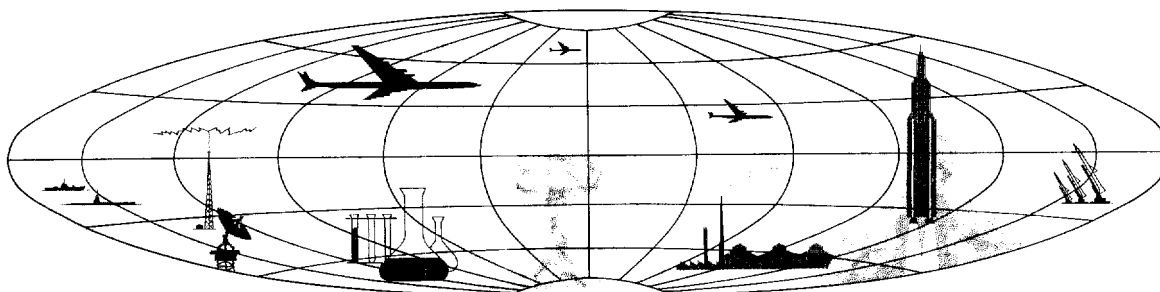
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INTRODUCTION

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An obscure ammunition depot, probably built by the Germans during World War II, is situated 1.4 nautical miles (nm) southeast of Choszczno (Arnswalde), Poland at coordinates 53-09N 15-26E (inset, Figure 1).

Collateral information describes the installation as a secured area containing four to six aboveground brick or concrete ammunition bunk-

No high-quality photography of the site is available despite the fact that [] missions have photographed the Choszczno area [] photography of [] and [] photography of [] both of poor quality, were used as the basis of this report.

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DESCRIPTION

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The storage depot is barely discernible on [] photography, but appears to be the same as it was in [] photography shows the installation as a rectangular, probably secured area with two large storage buildings and two smaller storage buildings (Figure 1). Dimensions of the depot and the large storage buildings are given in Figure 1; each of the smaller buildings measures 45 by 45 feet. Each building looks as if it may be partially below grade. The quality of the photography precludes a detailed interpretation of the characteristics of the buildings and prevents identification of any underground facilities at the depot.

A possible railroad siding is located south of the site. A fence probably surrounds the depot and a guardhouse is located along the road north of the site.

Military Installation Near the Depot. A military compound is located 0.9 nm north-northwest of the storage depot. According to

collateral information, the compound is occupied by the 36th Artillery Regiment of the 20th Armored Division. 3/ The same installation has also been reported as a Polish signal school and as a radar site. 4/ Recent [] reports list the following electronic equipment observed at or near the installation: three DISCONE communications antennas, one DRY RACK and one umbrella-type communications antenna, and a KNIFE REST B radar antenna. 5/ 6/

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The military installation and the ammunition storage depot are connected by road. The proximity of the two installations suggests that the depot is used to store ammunition for the artillery regiment. If the artillery regiment has been converted into a tactical missile unit, the storage depot could conceivably be used to store missile warheads. The quality of the photography does not permit identification of any equipment that may be exposed in the military barracks area.

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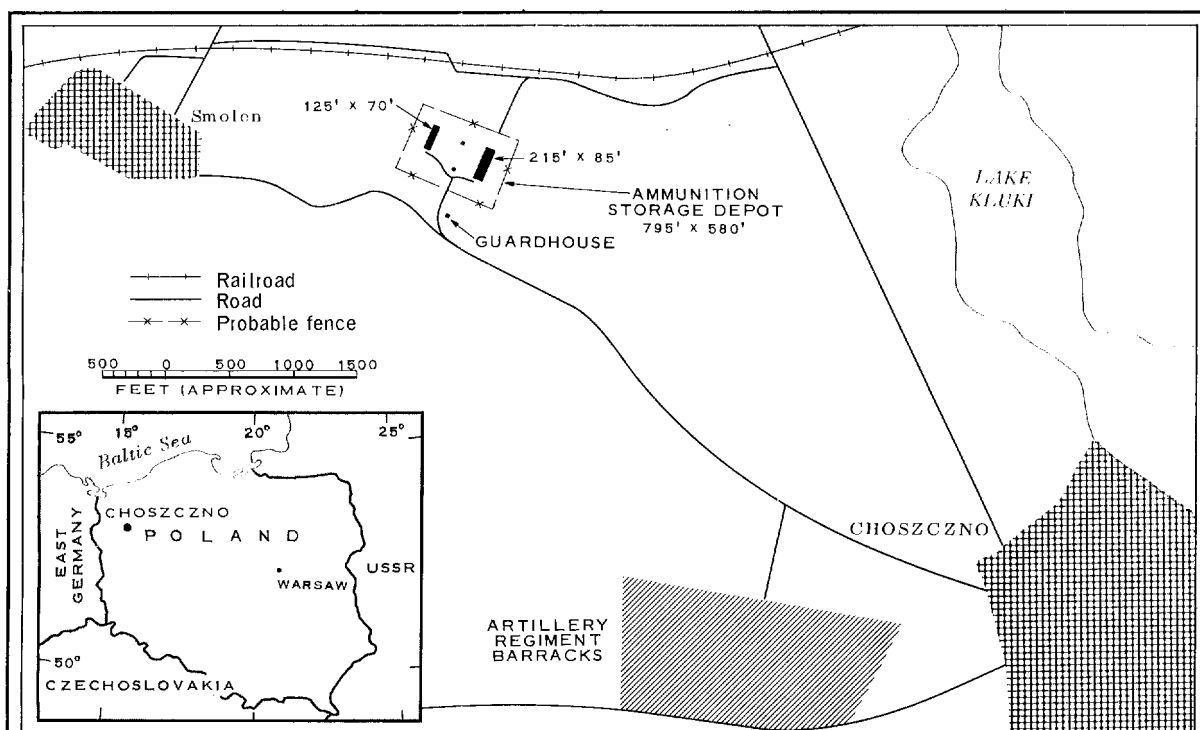
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